

## FARM INVENTORY HELPS BUSINESS

Enables Farmer to Determine Whether He Is Going or Coming Financially.

### ANSWER TO MANY QUESTIONS

Complete List of Assets and Liabilities Each Year Tells Land Owner Just How Much Increase or Decrease Has Been.

What is the net worth of your farm business? Is it more or less than you would imagine from a casual inspection of your farm? Do you know for sure whether you are going or coming to financial standing?

### Question Not Easily Answered.

These are important questions to the farmer and questions that are not so easily answered as would at first appear. Farming is an intricate business and one in which returns from investment are sometimes long delayed, so that progress cannot be accurately measured by the amount of money taken in at a given time. Sometimes cash income may be almost



Farm Inventory Is Index to Financial Progress.

wholly attributable to production in other assets, so that in reality the result is like taking money from one pocket and putting it in another.

The farm inventory, or property list, offers the only practicable way of answering these questions. Once the farmer has made a complete list of all his assets and liabilities and has balanced them he knows just what his net worth is, and when he has made such a list annually he knows each year whether he has gone forward or back and just how much has been the increase or decrease in the net worth of his business.

### Detailed Instructions.

The United States Department of Agriculture has just issued Farmers' Bulletin 1128, entitled "Farm Inventories," in which are given detailed instructions for making an inventory of farm property and revising such a list from year to year. By using the simple system described in this bulletin any farmer can determine exactly his financial status and lay the foundation for a permanent system of accounting. Without the farm inventory as a basis no system of accounting that might be chosen would be of any great use to the farmer.

### FANNING MILL VERY USEFUL

Present High Price of Grain Should Bring Machine Into More Use on Stormy Days.

In many parts of the country there has been a tendency to let the fanning mill rest and gather dust and to pay the mill or elevator for cleaning the grain, paying the bill by accepting a low price for the uncleaned wheat or oats or barley. Besides, the chickens lose the screenings. The present high price of grain should bring many a neglected fanning mill into profitable use. Incidentally, farmers will have profitable work for stormy days, and much cheap feed for chickens, pigs and other animals.

### EASY TO WINTER FALL PIGS

Where Farmer Is Properly Equipped He Can Raise Young Animals Without Difficulty.

More fall pigs are being raised nowadays than was the case a few years ago. This is due largely to the fact that grain is relatively high-priced. When a man is properly equipped for taking care of fall pigs through the winter season he can raise them about as cheaply as he can spring pigs and he gets more out of his sow by breeding her twice a year than only once. It is not difficult to winter fall pigs if one gives the matter proper attention.

### WOODLANDS AID FARMSTEAD

Trees Scattered About Have Place in Management of Farm and Development of Community.

A farm without some woods is less attractive as a place to live and usually less valuable than one with at least a little woodland and some forest trees scattered about. Thus woodlands have a place both in the management of the farm and in the development of the community.

### Make Friends With Animals.

Every farm animal should be so gentle it can be easily approached and petted anywhere in the fields. It doesn't pay to have wild animals around, unless one plans to start a menagerie.

### Avoid Using Poor Boars.

All we have to do is to use poor boars for one generation," said Professor Ervord, "and we have lost all the good points we have spent generations in building up."

### Check Outbreak of Roup.

It may be worse something to put permanence of potash in the drinking water when there is an outbreak of roup, but killing the first cases and cleaning up is the best plan.

### Don't Stunt Pigs.

Feed the pigs all that they will clean up daily. Don't stunt them and they will return a profit.

### Is Business Investment.

A motor truck is an investment to be used in business.

## CONDITIONING BIRDS FOR POULTRY SHOWS

Stand Better Chances for Winning if Well Trained.

Poultry Specialists of United States Department of Agriculture Give Suggestions for Preparation of Fowls.

Although the larger poultry shows are usually held in the fall, smaller exhibitions are staged throughout the winter months. The following advice in training and conditioning birds previous to a show, given by poultry specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture, is good the whole year round. The bird that has been properly trained and prepared will stand a better chance every time of winning a prize than another bird equally good, but wild or easily frightened, or whose plumage is soiled or dirty.

After the birds are selected, remove them from the rest of the flock and place each bird in a clean cage or box for at least a part of each day. Fowls so confined will become accustomed to the cage. Handling them in this manner will have the effect of making them tame. In handling the birds and removing them from the cage, move them from the cage and return them to the cage more quietly and handle the birds gently so as not to frighten them.

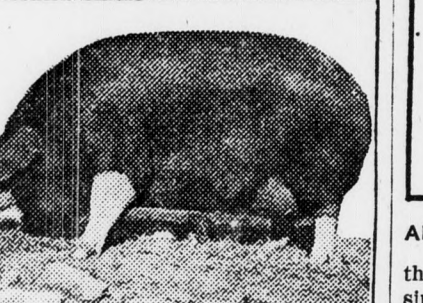
Examine the plumage so that the bird will become accustomed to such movements when handled by the judges. Likewise, attempt to compose the bird by stroking and smoothing the feathers gently; this seems to have a soothing effect on the fowls, and when done frequently and properly they come to look for it when one approaches the cage.

Birds to be exhibited should not be confined to the exhibition cages for too great a period, as long, continuous caging may cause them to get out of condition and therefore unfit for show. A satisfactory plan is to confine birds for a part of each day or every other day alternately up to a few days before sending them to the show, when they should be confined until ready to ship.

### EXERCISE FOR SOWS NEEDED

Feed for Animals Should Be Scattered Around Floor to Compel Them to Hustle.

Sows due to farrow in April or May ought to have some bulky feed. Prof. J. H. Shepherd of the North Dakota Agricultural College reports that the herdsmen at the agricultural college feed a pound to a pound and a quarter of grain per head per day to each sow and a little alfalfa hay to give plenty of bulk. He also advises mak-



Prize-Winning Poland China Sow.

### ROTTEN EGGS IS UNDESIRABLE

Many Farmers Do Not Seem to Care or Bother About Clean Nests for the Layers.

No one likes a rotten egg, consequently no one is going to buy one, not even the commission dealer. Many farmers do not care whether their hens steal their nests or not and their nests are full of rotten eggs until market day comes around. Once a week is sometimes as often as eggs are looked for. Any eggs that have come from an old nest or that in any way look suspicious should be candled at home before sending them to market.

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### WEAR THAT MAKE WEARABLES

Many Women Try to Make some of their clothes themselves. This is difficult for anybody not trained to sew a fine seam, and few of us do know how to sew well nowadays. But there are so many things half made, or so many parts of things ready made that one may buy in the shops that it is worth while making use of these things to help out on the difficult task of home sewing.

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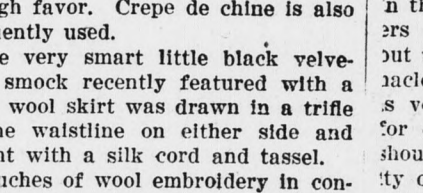
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## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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### LESSON FOR JANUARY 23

#### PROMOTION IN THE KINGDOM.

LESSON TEXT—Matt. 20:1-28. GOLDEN TEXT—The Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. (Mark 10:45).

REFERENCE MATERIAL—Matt. 19:27-28; Mark 10:45-46; Luke 22:28-30.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Waiting More Than Our Share.

JUNIOR TOPIC—How to Win First Place.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Right and Wrong Ambitions.

TEACHERS' TOPIC—Waiting More Than Our Share.

1. Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection.

The King on His way to Jerusalem (vv. 17-19). This is His last journey to the beloved city. He took the twelve disciples aside from the group of traveling pilgrims to make known to them His true feelings. He said: "The Son of Man will be betrayed and will die, and will be raised again."

2. Retrospect of the Past.

The Lord turned back and looked at the twelve disciples. He said: "I have chosen you to be with me, and you have followed me, and you have borne with me, and you have hated all that you have, and you have followed me."

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